

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Angola
Program Title:	Civil Society Strengthening
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	654-006
Proposed FY 2004 Obligation:	\$400,000 DA; \$2,979,000 ESF
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$1,000,000 DA; \$75,000 ESF
Proposed FY 2005 Obligation:	\$1,008,000 DA; \$2,500,000 ESF
Year of Initial Obligation:	FY 2001
Year of Final Obligation:	FY 2005

Summary: USAID's democracy and governance program in Angola strengthens civil society through civic education, support to civil society coalitions, conflict mitigation, and electoral support. USAID's assistance improves the capacity of civil society organizations (CSOs) and community-based organizations (CBOs) to advocate effectively for democratic reforms.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2004 Program:

Strengthen civil society (\$400,000 DA; \$200,000 ESF). USAID will support Angolan civil society coalitions engaged in advocacy and information dissemination through technical assistance and training. CSOs' advocacy campaigns will focus on human rights issues such as the right to housing for women, children's right to education, land rights, and the rights of people living with HIV/AIDS. Principal grantee: World Learning.

Transition initiatives. USAID will implement transition initiatives using previously obligated funds. USAID will support resettlement and reintegration of internally displaced persons, refugees, ex-combatants and war-affected youth through the creation of a resource center, local level conflict resolution training, and informal education. Principal grantees: World Learning, the Center for Common Ground, and the Christian Children's Fund.

Support land reform. Using already obligated ESF, USAID will support provincial-level land reform advocacy efforts through small grants to local nongovernmental organizations (NGOs). USAID will support a pilot program of community land demarcation to help local populations obtain land titles and to provide legal analysis of the draft land law. Principal contractors and grantees: Creative Associates International, the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization, and Associates in Rural Development.

Promote free and fair elections (\$2,479,000 ESF; \$75,000 prior year ESF). To prepare for the expected 2005 elections, USAID will provide training to strengthen civil society and political parties and technical assistance for electoral administration. USAID will support the expansion of CSOs' activities in anticipation of the elections. With prior year ESF, USAID will translate and publish training materials. Principal grantees: the National Democratic Institute (NDI), International Foundation for Election Systems (IFES), and the International Republican Institute (IRI).

Improve information dissemination (\$300,000 NOA ESF). USAID will increase the dissemination of objective, timely information through developing the capacity of media organizations to produce and broadcast radio news programming. Principal contractor or grantee: to be determined.

Improve rule of law. Using already obligated ESF, the U.S. Department of Commerce will continue to provide technical assistance to the justice sector under a commercial law development program focusing on judicial case management, commercial code reform, and technical assistance to improve Angola's investment climate. Principal implementing agency: the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Promote conflict mitigation and peace building (\$1,000,000 prior year DA). Using prior year DA funding, USAID will provide training to communities to work jointly with local authorities in identifying problems and needs. USAID will assist internally displaced persons, refugees, and ex-combatants with legal assistance and services. The program will conduct seminars in conflict management/mitigation and community fora for peace building that target traditional and church leaders and local/municipal government officials. Principal contractors or grantees: To be determined.

FY 2005 Program:

Strengthen civil society (\$1,008,000 DA). USAID plans to continue strengthening civil society coalitions engaged in advocacy and information dissemination. NGOs and CSOs will continue to receive technical assistance, subgrants, and training to help them advocate on key issues. Principal grantee: World Learning.

Promote free and participatory electoral processes (\$2,500,000 ESF). USAID will continue to support the training and strengthening of political parties and civil society and to provide technical support on electoral administration. USAID will support radio and print media to increase the information flow on key democracy and governance issues as well as a small grants program supporting CSOs. USAID also plans to support the expansion of CSOs' activities if elections are called. Principal grantees: NDI, IFES, IRI, and other organizations (to be determined).

Performance and Results: During FY 2003, the coalitions supported by USAID lobbied government institutions, raised awareness among citizens, influenced the Government of the Republic of Angola (GRA) to respond to citizens' concerns, and contributed to UNITA's successful transformation from an armed movement to a viable political party. In one example, land advocates successfully stopped the occupation of pastoral community land by commercial farmers and government officials and then facilitated negotiations with community members to provide reparation through the building of social infrastructure (schools and health posts). USAID helped improve access to information. The number of news articles and broadcasts on key democracy and governance issues rose from 1,342 in FY 2002 to 2,360 in FY 2003. An estimated 2.5 million people (15% of the Angolan population) were directly reached by USAID-funded media efforts.

Through the constitutional revision program, USAID provided the opportunity for effective dialogue between citizens and policymakers through debates, workshops, and community fora where recommendations to be included in the new constitution were discussed. USAID also promoted dialogue between Parliamentarians, political parties, and CSOs to openly discuss issues on national elections monitoring, the national electoral commission, and electoral law.

The U.S. Department of Commerce made significant progress in modernizing the civil courts through training of court clerks and judges on case management techniques. As a result of this pilot program, the GRA applied these management techniques in all civil courts.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Angola

654-006 Civil Society Strengthening	DA	DFA	ESF
Through September 30, 2002			
Obligations	2,047	480	3,991
Expenditures	794	147	988
Unliquidated	1,253	333	3,003
Fiscal Year 2003			
Obligations	1,650	0	1,950
Expenditures	1,514	191	1,665
Through September 30, 2003			
Obligations	3,697	480	5,941
Expenditures	2,308	338	2,653
Unliquidated	1,389	142	3,288
Prior Year Unobligated Funds			
Obligations	1,000	0	75
Planned Fiscal Year 2004 NOA			
Obligations	400	0	2,979
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2004			
Obligations	1,400	0	3,054
Proposed Fiscal Year 2005 NOA			
Obligations	1,008	0	2,500
Future Obligations	0	0	0
Est. Total Cost	6,105	480	11,495